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1. WE APPRECIATE REFTEL'S COMMENTS ON OUR POLICY ASSESSMENT PAPER AND ARE GRATIFIED TO FIND SUCH A BROAD INTER-AGENCY CONSENSUS ON MAJOR ISSUES IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS. WE WILL BE PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, ON (A) EXPANDING US-TURKISH TIES IN NON-DEFENSE FIELDS (WE PARTICULARLY HAVE IN MIND THE NEED TO MAKE UP FOR THE DROPOFF IN US EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMS RESULTING FROM THE ENDING OF ECONOMIC AID AND THE TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS); AND (B) REDUCTION OF US MILITARY PRESENCE (PARA 6 REFTEL).

2. HOWEVER, WHILE WE AGREE WITH STATEMENT IN PARA 3 REFTEL THAT "... IT IS UNWISE TO HAVE THE BILATERAL RELATION-

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SHIP WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON QUID PRO QUO SECURITY TIES," WE

ARE DISTURBED BY THE SUCCEEDING SENTENCE: "WITH OR WITHOUT
A CONGRESSIONALLY-APPROVED DCA, WE SHOULD BE SEEKING WAYS
TO STRENGTHEN US-TURKISH RELATIONS THROUGH ENHANCED TIES IN
NON-DEFENSE FIELDS." IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT IF OUR SECURITY
TIES -- WHICH ARE THE MAIN SINEW OF OUR RELATIONSHIP -- ARE
ASSURED BY CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE DCA, AN IMPROVEMENT OF
TIES IN OTHER AREAS WILL ADD STRENGTH TO OUR OVERALL LONG-TERM
RELATIONSHIP. BUT THOSE OTHER AREAS DO NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE
THE DECISIVE, BASIC FACTORS THAT SHAPE OUR RELATIONSHIP. DEFENSE
RELATIONS DO INVOLVE SUCH FACTORS. AND IF THE DCA IS REJECTED,
NO DEGREE OF STRENGTH IN CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, COMMERCIAL,
OR LABOR RELATIONS IS LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO DEFLECT THE MAJOR
DAMAGE TO OUR STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL RESULT AS THE
TURKS LOOK ELSEWHERE TO MEET THEIR DEFENSE NEEDS.
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